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Ballot Evaluation for Noise Walls on I-277 in Charlotte is Complete

CHARLOTTE – This week the [N.C. Department of Transportation](#) completed an evaluation of activities and findings by an outside contractor engaged to review ballots in support of or against proposed noise walls on I-277 near the Fourth Ward neighborhood in uptown Charlotte. NCDOT requested contractor Atkins conduct an independent analysis of the recent balloting to ensure all eligible property owners were provided the opportunity to vote on this issue.

As part of the efforts to review the ballot process, Atkins contacted management companies, homeowners' associations and individual property owners to verify accuracy of ownership records. Other efforts included physically visiting properties and leaving relevant information on how to communicate with NCDOT regarding noise wall preferences. In some cases, property owners and tenants were distributed new ballots and instructions on response alternatives.

These supplemental efforts have now been concluded, and NCDOT and Atkins are satisfied an accurate ballot process has been conducted. Based on this balloting, NCDOT is no longer considering noise walls on either side of I-277 southeast of North Pine Street as part of the project to add [managed lanes](#) on I-77 from the Brookshire Freeway (Exit 11) to N.C. 150 (Exit 36) in Iredell County.

NCDOT anticipates signing an agreement with apparent winning bidder [Cintra Infrastructures, S.A.](#) in June, with construction beginning as early as this December. The project is expected to be complete in 2018.

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